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Bangalore 28th Oct. 1902.

BRANCH AT OOTACAMUND.

Serial No. 3.

P. N. Krishna Murti Esquire,

Dewan of Mysore,

BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

When you placed your esteemed order with us for one of the silver State Chairs, you mentioned at the time that you would give a special prize for the one which was considered the best. We have not had the honour of receiving any expression of your opinion so far, so beg most respectfully to remind you of it.

We also take this opportunity of submitting our account for the chair, and should esteem it a favour if you would kindly pass orders for payment of the same at an early date.

We beg to remain, dear Sir,

Your obedient servants,

Barton Sons & Co

Liebe Frau Dr. Stresemann!

Ich habe Ihnen gestern Abend
Blumen geschickt, die Sie
hoffentlich erhalten haben.
Ich hatte Ihnen noch
Bücher mitgeben wollen,
aber ich habe sie
nicht gefunden.
Ich hoffe, Sie
sind gut
angekommen.

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Serial No. 94

To

Messrs Barton Son & Co

Dear Sirs

With reference to your bill for Rs. 11,500/- being the price of the State Chair & foot stool supplied to Mysore Govt, forwarded with your letter dated the 28th ult to the address of the Diwan, I am desired to bring to your notice that messrs J R. Fawcett & Sons of Madras, who prepared

a similar Chair and a footstool have charged only Rs. 10,500/-. The difference therefore between you & them is Rs. 1,000. I am to request that You will reconsider your bill & submit for the orders of the Dewan a revised bill.

As this matter is pending and an early settlement is found necessary, I am to request the favor of your kindly giving your earliest attention in this re

Yours
Sd M. S. Muthi-

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SOUTH PARADE,

Bangalore 18th. Nov. 1902.

BRANCH AT OOTACAMUND.

Serial No. 5.

M. Srenevasa Murti Esquire.

Private Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore,

BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your esteemed favour of the17th. inst. and in reply beg to say we are unable to revise our price of the State chair. Our estimate was at the time we submitted it very carefully worked out,and on completion of the work,we found that we had by nomeans over estimated it. The fact that our friends Messrs Tawker and Sons have charged Rs.10,500/- or just Rs.1000/-less than we have,cannot we submit betaken into consideration, because the nature of work employed in each case,is so very different. In the first instance,all the ornamental work on the chair we made,was struck from dies specially made, each floral decoration or scroll being struck from separate plates of silver, and fitted on by rivetsito the body of the chair. Two distinst models of the lions were made for the arms of the chair, and lastly the whole of the back showing His Highness' Coat of Arms was of solid cast silver. Messrs Tawker's chair was worked up very differently, the entire decorative portion

Dewan ordered Rs.10,000 the full amount as below. Barton son & Co have used more silver - &c. hence 16.11.03

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In upholding our charge for the chair,it has been necessary for us to go into details,and make comparisons; we do not however wish you to think that we for a moment wish to decry the work

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work of our friends in Madras. Their method of manufacture has been altogether different to ours, and it rests with the Dewan to express his opinion as to the merits of each. We however trust we have been able to show how impossible it would be under the circumstances explained to compare prices.

We remain, dear Sir,

Your obedient servants,

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Bangalore, 6th. Dec. 1902.

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Serial No. 6.

P. N. Krishna Murti Esquire, C.I.E.

Dewan of Mysore.

" Purnaprasada "

BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your request, we beg to enclose a copy of our letter to the Private Secretary, Mr. M. Srenevasa Murti, dated 18th Nov.'02. with reference to our charge for the State Chair. We trust you will on perusing it, agree that we have been able to fully substantiate the reason why our price is above that of Messrs Tawkers

Apart from the fact that we employed much more silver than our friends in Madras, and brought a considerable amount of additional labour to bear on the work, in the manufacture of two distinct models for the Lions, which constituted the arms of the Chair, and also in making the Mysore Coat of Arms at the back in solid cast and fully modelled work, we had, owing to the limited time at our disposal, to work overtime for nearly thr whole period during which the Chair was under construction. This entailed additional expense, which

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was quite justifiable, owing to the elaborate method we adopted in f
following out the prescribed design, and which we think you will agr
was eminently successful., Under the circumstances, we trust our A/C
as submitted may be passed.

With reference to the price of the Portrait in oils of the late Dewan, Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer, we beg to state that the amamount quoted in the first instance to Col. Campbell, and afterwards to you through our artist in June last when the picture was taken by him for your inspection, was Rs.1500/- On this occasion our artist who saw Mr. Purnaiya,handed him a letter we received from Colonel Campbell, instructing us to submit the painting for your inspection; and in this letter Col. Campbell said that he understood the price to be Rs.1500/- Mr. Purnaiya will no doubt remember the letter, whi was left with him by our artist. Mr. Maconochie, who only a few weeks ago called at our establishment, mentioned in course of conversation this sum as being the price he understood the Painting was fixed at.

Trusting our explanation with regard to the price of both State Chair and Painting will prove entirely satisfactory,

We are, dear Sir,
Your obedient servants,

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Bangalore 18th Nov 1902
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M Srenevasa Murti Esqre
Private Secretary to the
Dewan of Mysore
Bangalore

Dear Sir

We are in receipt of your esteemed favor of the 14th instant, and, in reply, beg to say we are unable to revise our price of the State Chair. Our estimate was, at the time we submitted it, very carefully worked out, and on completion of the work, we found that we had, by no means, over estimated it. The fact that our friends Messrs Fawter & Sons have charged Rs 10500/ or just Rs. 1000/ less than we have, cannot, we submit, be taken into consideration, because the nature of work employed in each case is so very different. In the first instance, all the ornamental work on the chair we made, was struck from dies specially made, each floral decoration or scroll being struck from

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We remain
Dear Sir
Your Obedient Servants
Signed Barton Son & Co

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Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Serial No. 7.

Read:-

(1) Letter dated 28th October 1902, from Messrs Barton, Son & Co., Silver Smiths & Jewellers, Bangalore, forwarding for payment a bill for Rs. 11,500/- being the value of a silver State chair and a foot stool to match, ordered for the Installation of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

(2) Letter dated 18th Nov. 1902, from the same firm, expressing their inability to revise the price of the said chair, as the method employed by them in the execution of the order was altogether different to that of Messrs Tawker & Sons, and involved more labor and metal.

Issue & let me see this again. 19/2

D Order thereon:- Ent.

No. 7(1331-2 dated. 19/2/03.

The bill is passed for Rs. 11,500/- and forwarded to the Comptroller for early payment of the money to Messrs Barton Son & Co., the charge being debited to the provision under " Installation charges". 19/2

Secretary

To.

The Comptroller, with the bill.

Messrs Barton, Son & Co.

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copd 19/2/03.